



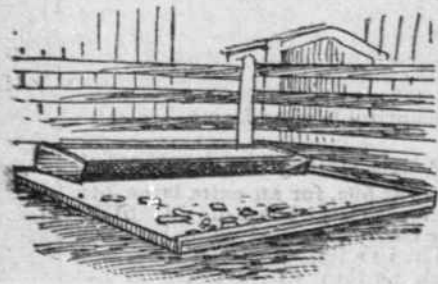
SATURDAY, SEPT. 6, 1902



FEEDING PLATFORM.

Will Pay for Itself the First Year on Any Farm Where Hogs Are Kept.

The time for feeding hogs will soon be here again, and with grain at such prices as now indicated, it will pay to arrange for feeding without waste. There is a leak somewhere in the management of most farmers, through which the profits steal away. Most farmers feed corn in the ear, to hogs, and throw it on the ground. When the ground is frozen this method will do, but when the ground is soft or muddy there is lots of waste. The accompanying illustration shows a feeding platform photo-



HOG-FEEDING PLATFORM.

graphed by the writer on one of the large hog-raising farms in this community. It is, in my opinion, a cheap, ideal platform for feeding corn to hogs, shelled or in the ear. The platform is about 6x12 feet, sufficiently large to accommodate eight or ten fair-sized hogs. The owner of this farm has several just such platforms which he uses in feeding his hogs, so that each litter is kept separate from the others. The platform itself is made of two-inch plank 12 feet long. It is considered best to use plank on account of the wear and tear. I have used both the two-inch plank and inch boards; the inch stuff will do, but will not last as long.

In framing the platform the planks should be mounted upon 2x4s set up edgewise. The 2x4s should be of good pine or oak; either will last well. The plank are securely nailed to the 2x4s. On one side of the platform is the trough, and this is a good place for it. It gives the hog a good place to stand while drinking and is free from mud and slush in very bad weather. At the other side and end are nailed 2x4s to keep the corn from working off of the platform when the hogs are eating. The opposite end has no cleat but is left open to give a place to clean the platform readily after each feeding. When building the platform let it incline toward the uncled end so that in rainy weather the water will wash and clean the platform.

The amount of material required to build this platform is less than 200 feet, and at the price of hemlock plank in this market (about \$17 per M.) it is so cheap that no farmer should try to get along without. The platform will pay for itself the first year and it will last many years.—Leo C. Reynolds, in Ohio Farmer.

RAZOR-BACK CROSSES.

Experiments Now Being Conducted May Increase the Profits of the Swine Department.

The fecundity, vigor and digestive propensities of the razor-back hog is to be utilized in the production of good hams and bacon. Experiments are being conducted at the Wisconsin experiment station in crossing the razor-back boar, direct from the wilds of Arkansas, with Berkshire and Poland-China sows. The first cross is said to be a great improvement over the male parent, both in looks and quality of the same pork. Subsequent generations are expected to accentuate the most desirable porking qualities of the dam, while retaining the keen appetite and natural fecundity of the wild hog. This is a very interesting as well as important experiment. At one time the rough, wild hog of the forest was the only source of pork that our forefathers knew anything about. Thousands of years were required to improve such rough stock to its present satisfactory condition. It is not to be wondered at that during all the necessary inbreeding for special points, the final progeny should lose some of its original digestive and productive vigor. If these desirable qualities can now be extracted from the original type of wild boar and incorporated into our present symmetrical breeds by judicious crossing, the profits from the swine department of the farm will be still greater.—Agricultural Epitomist.

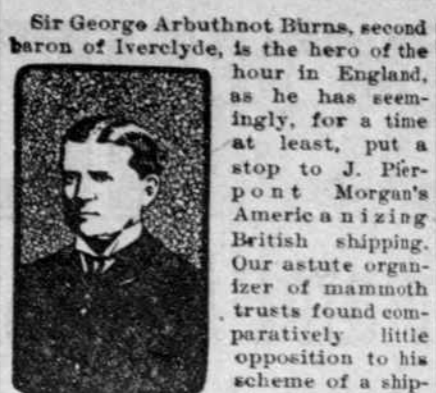
Avoiding Risks.

"Mr. Binks is an entertaining talker," said Miss Cayenne. "But he is not at all original," answered the cautious person. "No; some people show their cleverness by not trying to be original."—Washington Star.

Putting Him to the Test.

He (angrily)—I actually believe you would marry the first fool that asked you. She (calmly)—Just ask me to marry you and prove the fallacy of your belief.—Chicago Daily News.

Important Foreigners Who Figure in the News Reports.



Lord Iverclyde.

Sir George Arbuthnot Burns, second baron of Iverclyde, is the hero of the hour in England, as he has seemingly, for a time at least, put a stop to J. Pierpont Morgan's Americanizing British shipping. Our astute organizer of mammoth trusts found comparatively little opposition to his scheme of a shipping trust in England until he began negotiations with the Cunard line, of which Lord Iverclyde is the head. No one is telling the inside story of the negotiations between the two men, but the English lord seems to hold the key to the situation, and through his refusal to permit his company to join the Morgan combine will probably bring defeat to the whole scheme.

It was Lord Iverclyde who appealed to the British government to subsidize a new line of ocean steamers the company proposed to build with which to fight the trust, and which would ply between English and Canadian ports. He could not have hit a more opportune time than the present for making such a proposition, for England is not only courting favor with her great North American colony just now, but the English people are anxious to do any and all things that will help stop the plans of Morgan.

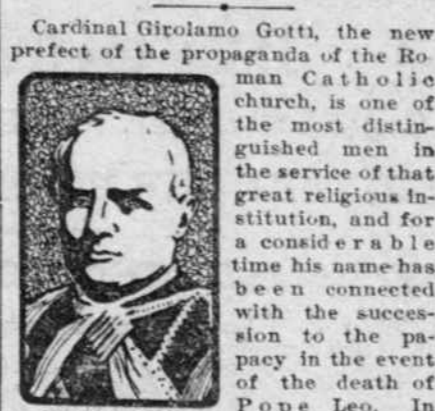
The present Lord Iverclyde has figured prominently in the commercial world for only about one year. He is the eldest son of Sir John Burns, baron of Iverclyde, and was born September 17, 1861. His father became the head of the Cunard company at the time of the reorganization of the concern when the original partners retired from the business, and out of it he amassed a great fortune, all of which the son inherited at the time of his father's death, about one year ago. It was the elder baron who first suggested to the British government the scheme of adapting merchant steamships for war purposes, a plan that is now being generally followed by practically all nations.

When Minister Wu leaves us to return to Peking, where it is said fresh honors await him, his place will be taken by another distinguished Chinaman, who is in all respects quite as progressive and modern a man as the present minister.

Sir Lian Chen Tung is thoroughly in accord with American progressiveness and American methods. He has good education as an American college could give him, having been educated in this country. It is such an education as a progressive man wishes when he begins the task of carrying light into a dark country, and that is what Sir Lian has been doing for China. In his native land he has achieved a reputation for marked success as a diplomat and a statesman, though he has as a rule departed from Chinese methods of diplomacy and dealt in stern facts rather than fictitious promises.

This will be his first introduction into official life at Washington. After completing his college course he entered the Chinese embassy as the official interpreter, and served in that

capacity for three years. Returning to China, he entered the political arena of that country, and rose rapidly, serving as secretary to the special embassy to the Victorian jubilee in 1897, and afterwards as special minister to Japan in the settlement of questions arising from the Chinese-Japanese war. Recently he was connected as secretary with the Chinese embassy to the postponed coronation of King Edward, and will come from London to this country. He is but 40 years of age.



Cardinal Gotti.

Cardinal Girolamo Gotti, the new prefect of the propaganda of the Roman Catholic church, is one of the most distinguished men in the service of that great religious institution, and for a considerable time his name has been connected with the success of the papacy in the event of the death of Pope Leo. In fact, it is more than mere rumor that Leo is anxious that he should be chosen his successor, and is said to have expressed such a preference to the college of cardinals.

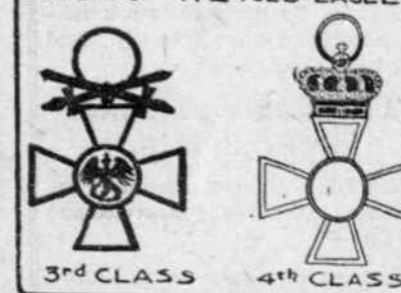
Cardinal Gotti has served the church in many capacities in different countries. He is of humble birth, being the son of a dock laborer of Genoa, and has risen to his present position through his own efforts and worth. He began his career in the church as a barefoot Camelite monk, having graduated from the Jesuit college at Genoa, and entering the Camelite order soon rose to the head of it.

At the time of the overthrow of the monarchy in Brazil there were many difficult questions to be settled in connection with the church in that country, and the task was entrusted to Gotti. It was as a reward for his skill in the settlement of these difficulties that he was elevated to the sacred college in 1895, and since that time he has been prominent in every important movement of the church.

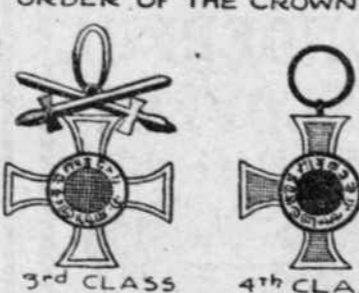
The Irish nationalists have strongly protested against the appointment of Lord Alverstone as a member of the royal commission to South Africa. At the same time the appointment gives the best satisfaction to the liberal party, who see in Lord Alverstone an ideal official for the commission.

Lord Alverstone is lord chief justice of England, to which place he succeeded about one year ago upon the death of Lord Russell. Previous to that time he had been the attorney general of England, and had represented the Isle of Wight in the British parliament since 1885. He has served in the judicial and legislative departments of the English government in many capacities, and is generally recognized as the ripest judicial scholar in England. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1885, and elevated to a baronetcy at the time of his appointment as chief justice. He is nearing the end of his sixtieth year, having been born December 22, 1842, and is the second son of Thomas Webster, in his time one of the most learned lawyers of England. E. L. LEWIS.

ORDER OF THE RED EAGLE



ORDER OF THE CROWN



DECORATIONS BESTOWED ON AMERICANS BY THE KAISER

A dozen or more Americans have been recipients of kingly decorations from Prince Henry. Among them are numbered several government officials, and it is a question as to whether or not they are at liberty to accept either the decorations as any of the little souvenirs in the shape of jeweled cigarette cases, cuff buttons, match boxes, etc., which the prince has so generously bestowed upon those who made his visit to this country pleasant for him, for the law of the land in the form of the constitution distinctly provides that no one in the government service shall accept any decoration or other token of appreciation of intrinsic value from a king or prince without first securing the consent of congress. But that is a question that congress will have to settle if it is ever raised seriously, and in the meantime the presents are arriving and being distributed. The most notable ones are the decorations of the Order of the Red Eagle and the Order of the Black Eagle.

The Order of the Red Eagle, which is most highly prized of the two, ranks next to the famous Order of the Black

Eagle in importance, and is one of the Prussian house orders, and was founded by George William, hereditary prince of Ansbach and Bayreuth as the "Ordre de la Sincérité" in 1705. In 1792 it was adopted by Frederick William II. and has been prominent among the decorations bestowed by the Prussian house since that time in recognition of meritorious acts in time of peace, but not in war.

The Order of the Crown is considered by the Prussian house of equal importance to that of the Red Eagle, but it is not so highly prized by recipients probably because of the fact that it is newer, and has not been received and worn by so great a number of distinguished personages. It is a souvenir of the coronation of William I. and was founded by him in 1861. It is bestowed, as a rule, for merit on persons not connected with the government of the state, and in that way differs from the Order of the Red Eagle which is given almost exclusively to persons connected with the civil administration of the German government.

The Old Man's Bride.

"I want a hundred visiting cards," said the pretty young woman. "I just want them to read: 'Mrs. D. Sember,' and down in one corner: 'See May.'"

"Yes, madame," said the stationer's clerk.

"Afterward, I suppose, if—er—the occasion should arise, you could put a mourning border on any I might have left."—Philadelphia Press.

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Not Hard to Guess.
Mr. Ferguson was standing on the upper deck of the lake steamer, holding to a rope and watching the waves, when Mrs. Ferguson came hurrying up.

"George," she hurriedly exclaimed, "Johnny is dreadfully sick?"

"Where?" asked the husband and father, preparing to go below.

"Where do you suppose he would be sick?" she asked, shrilly, "in a storm like this?"—Chicago Tribune.

Needed Her Dad's Help.
Summer Girl—Papa, I wish you'd look up your money and pretend to fail, there's a good old dear. It needn't last more than a week or two, and there are so many failures now no one will find fault.

Father—Of all things! What—

Summer Girl—Oh, it's all right. You see, I'm engaged to nine young men, and I've got to get rid of at least eight of them, somehow.—N. Y. Weekly.

Her Vocal Attainments.
"I am not at all satisfied with my voice," the church choir soprano remarked to her visiting uncle from beyond the suburbs.

"I noticed," responded the uncle, to whom the operatic style of church music was something new, "you seemed to be trying to shake it while you were singing that solo."—Chicago Tribune.

As Time Passes.
"First she wondered if any man was really worthy of her."

"Yes."

"Then she wondered which man was the most worthy of her."

"Yes."

"Then she wondered which of several worthy men she had refused would come back to her."

"Yes."

"And then she began to wonder what man she could get."—Chicago Post.

A Curious Climate.
Stranger (out west)—Do you ever have any cyclones here?

Native—Now, nothin' but summer airts. Thinkin' of buyin' land?

"No. A relative of mine left me a tract near here, and—"

"That so? Well, these 'ere summer airts is mighty cur'us. They'll snatch up a hail settlement an' dash it to pieces ag'in Pike's Peak. What will ye take for y'r land?"—N. Y. Weekly.

Reason to Be Glad.
Nellie, aged three, was out walking with her father one evening, but she soon became tired and he was obliged to carry her.

"Is I vewy heavy, papa?" she asked, as he set her down a moment to rest.

"Indeed you are," he replied.

"Say, papa," continued the little miss, "ain't you dese awful tickled zat I ain't twins?"—Primary Education.

Why She Detested It.
"Again," complains the devoted wife, "I am told that you have been flirting with that odious Miss Mashem on the piazza."

"Bah!" retorts the gay husband, thinking to ridicule the suspicion of his wife. "Bah!" he repeats.

"It isn't so bad," asserts the wife, "for a man to be guilty, but what I detest is when he acts so sheepish about it."—Baltimore American.

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